CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting:

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- a) SEQ ID NO: 1;
- b) the complement of SEQ ID NO: 1;
- nucleic acid molecule which is greater than about 90 percent identical to the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1 or the complement of SEQ ID NO: 1;

d) nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 3; and

e) nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence which is greater than about 93 percent identical to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 3.

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- 15 2. An isolated nucleic acid molecule according to Claim 1 which is DNA.
 - 3. An isolated nucleic acid molecule encoding a luciferase which hybridizes under high stringency conditions to a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting:
 - a) SEQ ID/NO: 1; and

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- b) the complement of SEQ ID NO: 1.
- 4. A method for preparing a polypeptide encoded by an isolated nucleic acid molecule, comprising culturing the recombinant host cell of Claim 1 under conditions suitable for expression of said nucleic acid molecule.
- 5. An isolated nucleic acid molecule contained in deposit pBl-Pv_{GR}.